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SMALL ENTITY STATUS: YES

FOR: EVERTING STAPLE DEVICES AND METHODS

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification and Abstract - 23 pages.
- ☒ Drawings - 8 sheets (Figs. 1-15).
- ☒ Declaration for United States Patent Application.
- ☐ Priority Document for \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
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